

House Resolution No. 2625

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the important role which this state's public schools have played in the educational development of many young Missouri citizens; and

Whereas, Shepard Elementary School in the St. Louis City School District has been selected as a Gold Star School for 2004-2005 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Shepard Elementary School was formally recognized as a Gold Star School during a special event hosted by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and State Farm Insurance Companies on May 2, 2005; and

Whereas, one of twelve elementary schools chosen to receive the prestigious Gold Star Award, Shepard Elementary School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, a Gold Star School is one that has been judged particularly effective in meeting local and state goals and displays award criteria which include offering challenging standards and curriculum, teaching, active learning and learning-centered school contexts, as well as objective "indicators of success" based upon student performance, daily student and teacher attendance rates, and school, staff, and student awards; and

Whereas, established in 1991, the Gold Star Schools program is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is supported by State Farm Insurance Companies:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Principal Carol Hall-Whittier and to all the students, faculty, and staff at Shepard Elementary School at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Shepard Elementary School in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeanette Mott Oxford
District No. 59

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2625, adopted April 27, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker